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APEGBC and ASTTBC Approve Applied Science Technologist Concept

VANCOUVER—The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) and the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) are pleased to announce an agreement on a regulatory model that will lead to the recognition of the specialized skills and knowledge of Applied Science Technologists (AScT). The two associations will recommend the model to government and seek enabling legislation. This initiative will enhance the protection of the public in selected areas outside the fields of professional engineering and geosciences.

The recommended model was approved by both APEGBC and ASTTBC Councils in September 2012 and endorses key principles to guide the development of areas of professional reliance for Applied Science Technologists in BC. APEGBC and ASTTBC have approved and endorsed the model following significant consultation with government officials, local and national stakeholders.

The model builds upon current practice, with APEGBC partnering with ASTTBC through a Joint Board to define and promote to regulatory authorities the areas of professional reliance that are suitable for designating Applied Science Technologists as Qualified Persons.

“This agreement is a significant milestone and new beginning for the two associations as we work jointly to recognize ASTTBC members and in this way better serve the public interest,” says ASTTBC President Bill MacPherson, AScT.

APEGBC and ASTTBC have agreed to establish a Joint Board to guide the short and long-term development of the program, and have appointed the inaugural members to this board. ASTTBC, with the support of APEGBC, will seek a legislative amendment to the ASTT Act to enable and empower the Joint Board.

“This model will enhance and enable the work being done by both associations to clearly address and identify practice areas for Applied Science Technologists,” says APEGBC President Jeff Holm, P.Eng., FEC. “It is a step forward in working towards a mutually acceptable model for the engineering team in BC.”

Both associations look forward to working together with the BC government through the Ministry of Advanced Education to further contribute to public interest and safety through enhanced utilization of the education, skills and competencies of our members.

For more information, a copy of the [ASTTBC – APEGBC Applied Technologists Concept Report is available online.](#)

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Established in 1958 under the Society Act and then re-incorporated in 1985 under the ASTT Act, ASTTBC is the association that governs Applied Science Technologists, Certified Technicians and a number of technical specialists and is charged with regulating the standards of training and practice of and for its members and protecting the interests of the public. With 10,000 registrants, ASTTBC is one of the larger professional associations in BC and maintains high academic, experience and professional practice standards.

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